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15. (Original) A wireless apparatus operative for communication with a wireless local area network communication system and also operative for communication with a wireless wide areas communication system comprising:

a circuit operative to receive data representing whether a user desires to participate in allowing a wireless apparatus to share its wireless resources with proximal wireless units; operative to generate a message for the WAN indicating whether the wireless apparatus will allow shared use of its local area network wireless resources with proximal wireless units that are in the wireless local area network; and operative to enable the wireless apparatus to share its local area network wireless resources in response to the data representing whether a user desires to participate in allowing the wireless apparatus to share its wireless resources.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the circuit includes a processing apparatus and memory wherein the memory contains executable instructions that when executed by the processing apparatus, causes the processing apparatus to:

receive data representing whether a user desires to participate in allowing a wireless apparatus to share its wireless resources with proximal wireless units;

generate a message for the WAN indicating whether the wireless apparatus will allow shared use of its local area network wireless resources with proximal wireless units that are in the wireless local area network; and

enable the wireless apparatus to share its local area network wireless resources in response to the data representing whether a user desires to participate in allowing the wireless apparatus to share its wireless resources.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the processing apparatus controls a presentation of a user input interface having a selection menu to generate the data representing whether a user desires to participate in allowing the wireless apparatus to share its wireless resources.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the processing apparatus controls locating the proximal wireless units in response to determining that the wireless apparatus is designated as a shared wireless resource.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the processing apparatus controls:

generation of a first message, in response to receiving the data, for a plurality of proximal wireless units in the first wireless communication system, indicating an amount of bandwidth that the wireless apparatus can share with the plurality of proximal wireless units; and

generation of a second message, in response to receiving the data, for the second wireless communication system indicating that the wireless apparatus is allowing shared use of its wireless resources by proximal wireless units.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the processing apparatus receives data indicating an amount of data to be sent via the wireless wide area network for the wireless apparatus; notifies the wide area network which of the plurality of wireless units will participate in sharing their wireless resources for use in facilitating communication with the wireless apparatus; sends to each of the participating wireless units, a partial bandwidth request indicating an amount of data to receive from the wide area network; and combines retransmitted portions of data from the plurality of participating wireless units, to obtain a complete communication.

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